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Just the green stuff, not the concrete! As much as streets and sidewalks get watered, you would think we are trying to make them grow, but more water doesn't make concrete grow!

How Often to Water

Only when your landscape needs water. If you walk on the lawn and leave footprints (the grass doesn't spring back up), the grass needs water. Similarly, if the leaves of plants start to wilt in the morning, give your plants a drink, but no more than two days per week.

Remember: August is the highest demanding month for water!

By reducing overall water demand, College Station can delay expensive new water supply and treatment facilities, thus keeping our services affordable for our customers. For more information about water conservation, please call Jennifer Nations at 764-6223 or send her an email at jnations@cstx.gov.

Do Your Part... Be Water Smart!

After a cool and relatively wet spring, things are heating up and drying up in College Station, and the sprinklers have come on in full force! With the onset of hot weather and drying winds, you may be asking yourself: How much water is enough? How much water is too much?

With that in mind, here are some tips to cut back on water use without sacrificing plant health.

When to Water

Water before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m., and only when it is not windy, to avoid water loss from evaporation.

Follow the recommended 5-Day Watering Schedule, to water on specific days of the week. Download the schedule from www.cstx.gov/utilities.

How to Water

When you water, make sure it is a deep soaking, wetting the soil about six inches deep. Deep, infrequent watering encourages a deeper root system that will pay off with a "drought-tough" grass come summer. Sprinklers should emit large drops of water, rather than a fine mist.

"When residents conserve water, it saves the City thousands of dollars in energy costs from reduced pumping of groundwater."

JENNIFER NATIONS
Water Resources Coordinator

What to Water



For more information about Water Conservation, go to:

www.cstx.gov/utilities



College Station welcomes Police Chief Michael Ikner

Newly appointed Police Chief Michael Ikner was sworn in on Friday, May 30, at the College Station Hilton. Ikner has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Criminology/Criminal Justice. Ikner came to College

Station in June after serving as the Assistant Police Chief - Field Operations Bureau for the City of Arlington, Texas since 2004.



ACCESS is the City of College Station's e-newsletter. Sign up and you will receive weekly updates and information on City services, events and activities in College Station. To sign up go to www.cstx.gov/access.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 7 & 21

College Station Planning & Zoning Meeting (7pm)
@ City Hall*

August 14 & 28

City Council Workshop (3pm)
& Regular Meeting (7pm)
@ City Hall*

August 15

"Coffee with the Mayor" (8am)
@ Conference Center

C.S. Conference Center
1300 George Bush Drive

College Station City Hall
1101 Texas Avenue

*Watch City Council and Zoning meetings live on Channel 19, or go to www.cstx.gov/cstv19

City Announces New Communication Tools -----

The Public Communications Department is excited to announce three new communication tools that enhance effortless communication with citizens of College Station.



AM 1690 is College Station's municipal radio station targeted at updating citizens on weekly city news and events, and during emergencies.



764-NEWS (6397) is a 24/7 news and information hotline. Call in to listen to daily reports on City Council meetings, special events, traffic hazards and other important activities in College Station as well as up to the minute advisories during natural disasters, and other emergencies.

Parks & Recreation League Athletic Calendar -----



Come on out and have some fun while engaging with community members and staying active by participating in the Parks & Recreation Athletic League.

Upcoming registration dates:

August 11-22

Adult Slow-pitch & Fast-pitch Softball

August 18-29

Fall Youth Flag Football

August 25-September 5

Fall Adult Flag Football

August 25-September 5

Girls' Fast-pitch Softball

Register weekdays from 8am-5pm at the Central Park Office located at 1000 Krenak Tap Road, or online at parksweb.cstx.gov